Rockford Ills

April 16/8,

Prof Sereno Watson

Cambridge Mass

My dear Sir:

I send To Day by mail the 1st fasciculus of my Herb. Salicum. I hope to continue this distribution until it shall include, if possible a full suite of American Willows - together with such European forms as may help to a better understanding of the affinities and methodical arrangement of our native species. No attempt has been made at an orderly out put of the specimens - It was first come - first to go - in the expectation of filling in gaps hereafter.

Please tell me what you think of the character assigned to S. myrsinites Muhl.? Is not the hybrid S. candida x petiolaris a most interesting cross between two quite dissimilar species? I hope my new species will stand - I have certainly tried long enough to

find a place for it under every one of the
allied species — Comment and criticism
from you — whether favorable or
otherwise can not fail to be
profitable to me —

Our snow drifts still bury
the work in the fields —

Yours very truly
M L Bebb